

KANSAS, OKLAHOMA AND GULF RAILWAY COMPANY.

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Mr. CURTIS, of Kansas, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 10166.]

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 10166) entitled "A bill to authorize the Kansas, Oklahoma and Gulf Railway Company to construct and operate a railway through the Chilocco Indian Reservation, in the Territory of Oklahoma, and for other purposes," beg leave to submit the following report, and recommend that said bill do pass with amendments:

The proposed road commences at Cale, on the north boundary of Oklahoma and the southern terminus of the Beaumont Branch of the St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad, and extends thence in a southerly direction, a little west of south, to and through Blackwell, in Kay County, Okla., and traverses the reservation only 2 or 3 miles, cutting across one corner of the same.

This road reaches a very rich agricultural country, which has now no railway facilities, and is intended as a feeder to the "Frisco" system, which, with the proposed line, will furnish a direct outlet from this country to St. Louis, Kansas City, and Gulf points.

Your committee is satisfied that the company is ready to commence grading at once, and arrangements have been made for the purchase of all material necessary for the construction of the line as far as Yoakum (more than half the distance to Blackwell), and the company is only waiting for permission to pass across the corner of this reservation to commence grading and consummate the contracts for materials.

Your committee recommend the following amendments, to wit:

In lines 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12, page 1, strike out the following words: "and also said company is hereby granted a strip of land one hundred feet in width and two thousand feet in length for such station of said company as may be, with the consent of the Secretary of the Interior, established within the limits of said Indian reservation."

After the word "way," in line 4, page 2 of the bill, insert the words "or so much thereof as shall be included in the cuts or fills."

In line 10, page 2 of the bill, strike out the words "the original owners of said lands," and insert in lieu thereof the words "the United States."

The last two amendments are made upon the recommendation of the honorable Commissioner of Indian Affairs.